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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds the 150 word limit. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

It is suggested that in:

Claim 1, line 13, after "...guiding of said..." insert --lower body--.

Claim 1, line 14, before "bore" delete "a" and insert --the--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 7 and 8 recite the limitation "the axially and rotationally securing" in lines 3-5, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,306,639 to Lyon.

Lyon discloses an adapter (2) comprising a central portion (see fig.1, defined by the flange portion in between reference #'s 6 and 12), an upper projection (6) including a lateral flat portion (14) for facilitating axially and rotationally securing of the adapter by a force member (38), and a lower male socket projection member (12) having a lateral round projection (10).

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,168,782 to Cromwell.

Cromwell discloses an adapter (12) comprising a central portion (see fig. 10, defined by the tapered portion in between reference #'s 16 and 14), an upper projection (16) including a lateral flat portion (40) for facilitating axially and rotationally securing of the adapter by a force member (42), and a lower male socket projection member (14) having a lateral round projection (20).

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,019,019 to Hobbs.

Hobbs discloses an adapter (8) comprising a central portion (12), an upper projection (14) including a lateral flat portion (24) for facilitating axially and rotationally securing of the adapter by a force member (see fig. 4), and a lower male socket projection member (10) having a lateral round projection (20).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The specific limitation of "...the lower body being manually axially displaceable away from said upper body..." is not anticipated or made obvious over the prior art of record in the examiner's opinion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ali Abdelwahed whose telephone number is (571) 272-4417. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the examiner or the examiner's supervisor.


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